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opportunity only is needed to give it expression. There have been several warnings lately that the anti-foreign spirit is again dominant, and that the Chinese are only too ready to strike if a safe opening for the blow appears. The desire for murder is still there, just as much as it was before the outbreak in 1900. The difference now consists apparently in the fact that, instead of openly proceeding by force of arms, the Chinese are possessed with a desire to strike in the dark. These movements of the secret assassin are infinitely more to be dreaded than the open attempt of the enemy to strike you down. The outrage will certainly tend to impair the relations between the Manchu Government and the Treaty Powers. How can the latter feel any confidence in a Government that either sanctions or permits such exhibitions of hostility to the representatives of Foreign States? What interest can the Treaty Powers take in a Government that apparently plots to destroy them? The present dynasty is not acceptable to the Chinese people, but has been suffered to continue merely from failure to discover a possible successor. But the patience and endurance of the Powers have already been taxed to breaking point, and it will soon become a moot question whether such a Government is more than a number of smaller states ruled by Chinese viceroys. The Chinese plan is so faulty that further fracture will inevitably bring about its dissolution into parts and its independent existence as a whole may cease to be expedient. The pressure of Russia on Manchuria is leading in this direction, and the suicidal folly of the Government is likely to accelerate the danger of partition.

Since the above was written we received the message appearing at the head of our telegraphic column. But, as on more occasions than one Dr. Morrison has proved right and the Legation authorities wrong, we cannot yet consider the story disproved and therefore let stand what we have written.

The conference of the three Admirals at Singapore has not been slow in producing its result, if we make take it, as presumably we may, that the approaching detachment of a battleship from the Mediterranean squadron and the commissioning of H.M.S. *Europa* for this station are due to advice from the Admirals. The battleship to be sent out here has not yet been decided upon. The *Europa* is a first-class seagoing cruiser, of 11,000 tons and 16,500 h.p. She was completed at Clydebank in 1899 at a cost of £2,800,000. Her armament is 4 12-inch guns, and 14 6-inch guns in position. She carries sixteen 6-inch, fourteen 12-inch, four 3-inch, and eight machine guns; and she has three torpedo-tubes. Her speed is 20½ knots, and her complement 357 men. She is of the *Diadem* class, of which we have now the *Amphitrite* out here and have seen the *Argonaut* and *Spadite*. This reinforcement of the British squadron, though late in the day, is welcome; but it cannot be looked on as final, seeing that Russia is still hurrying out more of her very latest and strongest ships—unless, as we said the other day, Britain is prepared to take second place in Far Eastern waters.

The annual housing session of H. M. Justices of the Peace will be held on the 17th prox.

One fatal Chinese plague case was reported during the day ending at noon on Saturday, the locality being Cause Road.

A complimentary allusion to the Hongkong Goldfields will be found in the course of Mr. J. Cunningham Macdonald's article on p. 5 to-day.

Hongkong will offer hearty congratulations to Lord Dunsborough on his elevation to the post of Parliamentary Under-Secretary of the War Office.

Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant W. Hight, R.G.A., has been appointed Sergeant-Major of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, on probation, vice Sergeant-Major Power.

Mr. Archibald Seth, Deputy Registrar and Appraiser, has been appointed to act as Registrar of the Supreme Court with effect from the 15th instant and until further notice.

H.E. the Governor has been pleased to approve of the following promotions in the Hongkong Volunteer Corps:—Lieut. J. H. W. Armstrong to be Captain, vice Captain Grieve resigned; Lieut. T. Skinner to be Captain, vice Captain Underwood resigned; Company Sergeant-Major J. A. T. Plumer to be Lieutenant, vice Lieut. Armstrong promoted; Sergeant J. D. Darby to be Lieutenant, vice Lieut. Skinner promoted.

The following is the programme of music to be performed by the band of the 14th Bombay Infantry on the New Parade Ground from 4.30 to 6 p.m. to-day:—

Turkish March from *The Ruins of Athens* Boethoven
Overture to "Jasmin" Suppe
Spanish Valse "Saragossa" O. Lange
Selection from "The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein" Offenbach
Song "O dry those tears" Teresa del Riego
Melody in F. Rubinstein

The English Pharmacy, Ltd., at Bangkok has been voluntarily wound up and was on sale as a going concern.

Admiral Fongue Jonquiere has been nominated to command a division of the French naval squadron in the Far East.

Admiral Alexieff is reported to be threatening punishment to anyone spreading rumours of impending war between Japan and Russia.

The church at Yamaiti of the Church Missionary Society has been added to the list of places for the solemnisation of matrimony.

The Executive Bureau at Manila has been informed that Mr. William Joseph Kenny has been recognised by the Department of State at Washington as British Consul at Manila.

Reuter's Peking correspondent, leaving Peking on the 7th inst. for Nanchang, is reported to have said that he was "going to see Russia" fail to evacuate Nanchang on the 8th. He saw that event.

The third-class cruise *For With Rear Admiral Atkinson-Willes* Commander-in-Chief of the East India Station, entered the Singapore Roads shortly before noon on the 16th inst. and anchored near the *Royal Arthur*.

Baron Kodama, says the N.C.D.N. Tokyo correspondent, succeeds General Tanura, deceased, as vice-chief of the headquarters staff, resigning the portfolio of home affairs, which is taken by the Premier. Baron Kodama's appointment is regarded with universal satisfaction at this critical period.

At Penang Police Court on the 7th inst. a Chinaman was charged before Mr. Bryant with cruelty to animals by carrying a duck by its legs. Mr. Bryant said that he had often told the police that carrying ducks and fowls by their legs was not cruelty to animals, and the prisoner was therefore discharged.

At the beginning of the month formal application was made by Messrs. Telleke and Gibbins for the Honourable H. P. Wilkinson, Acting Judge, in the British Court at Bangkok, to transfer the ownership of the British steamer *Lydia* from Mr. J. M. Dunlop (on behalf of the Bangkok Dock Company, Ltd.) to the Siam Government. His Honour allowed the transfer.

The vessels now composing the Japanese shadowing squadron are:—The battleships *Ashi*, *Hatsuse*, *Mikasa*, *Shikishima*, *Fuso*, *Yashima*; the armoured cruisers *Izumo*, *Yakumo*, *Asama*, *Adzuma*, *Tokits*, *Kasagi*, *Chitose*; the cruisers *Yoshino*, *Nanika*, *Tachibana*, *Chigoda*, *Aikaguchi*, *Saigun*; the despatch-boat *Miyako*; the gunboats *Oshima*, *Utsi*, and *Chokai*; and 14 destroyers as well as about 40 torpedo-boats, with a total strength of about 140,000 tons displacement.

That difficult jester who weekly alarms the columns of our senior evening contemporary under the pen-name of "Beaux Esprits" (surely an unpleasantly suggestive name to English ears) really over-passed the limits on Saturday. It is evident that the soul of his "fins wit" is in the spirit. We should have thought that the one who has directed the good taste of others on the *China Mail* for so many years would have stepped in on this occasion, as doubtless he must often have done before, in the interests of decorum.

The smoking concert at Shanghai on the 12th inst., in honour of the Hongkong cricket team, seems to have been a great success. It was concluded at midnight on account of the match beginning next morning. Mr. H. M. Davis was in the chair, supported by Mr. B. W. Mansfield, C.M.G. The singers, etc., were Messrs. Tyack, Tours, Blount, Sutherland, Moyer, Cochran, Wedemeyer, Forbes, Bainty, Lunders, Donnelly, Brody, Van Nierop, and Macleod; and there was a cake-walk by eight "Black Diamonds."

We are pleased to be able to confirm the statement made by *O Patriota* of the appointment of Senhor J. J. Leiria as Vice Consul for Portugal at Hongkong. This appointment was officially announced in the *Government Gazette* on Saturday. We understand that this honour was bestowed on Senhor Leiria by the Portuguese Government as a further mark of recognition for gratuitous and invaluable services rendered by him to the Consulate in this Colony for many years. Senhor Leiria has already been decorated with the order of Knight Commander of Christ for similar services.

Additional details about the Mindanao piracy, which have reached us through the *Manila Times*, are contained in the following despatch dated Cagayan, October, 10.—Further particulars are to hand regarding the piracy case. The captain of the steamer *Victoria*, which returned here last night, ran his boat aground and then opened the bilge cock in Baguayan, Negros. Hermann and Johnson left in a banca for Cagayan island. The *Victoria* and crew are safe. After leaving the vessel Hermann and Johnson first arrived at Asia, Negros, where their banca was fired on by the patrol and scuttled. Several members of the constabulary of Talaba and Pampas are implicated. At Baguayan Hermann and Johnson were entertained by two Spaniards, by the name of Gutierrez and Campos, who refused assistance to the captain of the *Victoria* in securing wood for the return voyage to Cagayan.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]

INTERPORT LAWN TENNIS.

SHANGHAI, 17th October.

HONGKONG WINS SINGLES.

R. Hancock (Hongkong) won the Inter-port lawn tennis singles by three sets to love.

[The above is the purport of a message received by Mr. E. W. Mitchell on Saturday evening. Hongkong has thus taken every event. The Shanghai player in the singles was probably N. Ramsay.—Ed. D.P.]

THE PEKING SENSATION.

SHANGHAI, 18th October, 6.43 p.m.

THE PLOT DENIED.

The British Legation at Peking formally denies the story of the attempt to blow up the Legation.

[Reuter's telegram below reports the plot at Peking.—Ed. D.P.]

REUTER'S SERVICE.

KING VICTOR EMANUEL IN PARIS.

LONDON, 15th October.

At a dinner at the Elysee, President Loubet and King Victor Emmanuel exchanged the most cordial toasts, the former describing the visit as a striking demonstration of the close agreement established between Italy and France.

King Victor Emmanuel declared that France was right in considering the visit a natural outcome of the rapprochement happily accomplished.

The Italians are much gratified at the excellent reception given to their Majesties in Paris.

MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS.

LONDON, 16th October.

The Earl of Hardwicke has been appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary of India, and Earl Dunsborough Parliamentary Under Secretary of the War Office.

[Lord Dunsborough is well remembered here under the name of Viscount Saurdale, former A.D.C. to H.E. Sir Henry Blake.—Ed. D.P.]

GREAT BRITAIN AND AUSTRIA.

LONDON, 16th October.

The King has ordered General Lord Methuen to proceed to Vienna to invest the Emperor of Austria with the insignia of a British Field Marshal.

FAILURES ON THE LONDON

STOCK EXCHANGE.

LONDON, 15th October.

Yesterday was an anxious day in the City and the settlement proved disastrous. One of the largest stockbroking firms whose losses are estimated at £1,000,000 were only prevented from an open failure by a description of forced liquidation. Several other important firms were compelled to practically wind up or obtain assistance from Banks to the extent of several millions.

REINFORCEMENT OF THE BRITISH

CHINA SQUADRON.

LONDON, 16th October.

The first-class cruiser *Europa* has been commissioned at Portsmouth for the China station, and a battleship will also be sent to China from the Mediterranean.

ATTEMPTED OUTRAGE ON THE

BRITISH LEGATION, PEKING.

LONDON, 16th October.

The *Times* correspondent at Peking wires that on the occasion of a Ball at the British Legation at Peking, on Tuesday last, an attempt was made to explode a magazine containing explosives and ammunition for the defence of the Legation. Wires were laid to connect with an electric battery, but for some reason the connection was not perfect.

THE SESSIONS.

The Criminal Sessions begin to-day at 10 a.m. Six cases, implicating seven persons are down for disposal, as follows:—

Wong I Lan, three counts of larceny by a servant, one of receiving stolen goods, and one of larceny after a conviction for felony.

Ngan Fok, disobeying an order of banishment. Chung Kan and Wao Ku, breaking into a dwelling-house and committing a felony therein.

Yeung Shui, offering a bribe to a public servant with a view to influencing his conduct as such public servant.

Chu Cheung, larceny.

Lui Fo, offering a bribe to a public servant with a view to influencing his conduct as such public servant.

THE INTERPORT MATCH.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

Shanghai, 13th October.

The teams were favoured with almost perfect weather for the opening day of the match—a bright sun, a cloudless sky, and a cold, fresh wind. Hancock won the toss and decided to bat first. A few minutes before eleven the opposing teams were cheered into the field by these enthusiasts who were up there to watch the start. R. Hancock and Smith went in first, the latter facing the ball. Jackson opened the bowling, with most of the fielders on the off-side, including three slips and a third man. A couple of singles were scored off the first over, and then fillings took the ball at the other end. At 11.30 25 runs had been scored without any separation, both batsmen being unable to take any liberties with the bowling. A few minutes later, Hancock, attempting to hit a half volley from Jackson, converted it into a " Yorker " and was bowled. The board then registered 29-1-11. Turner took his place, and the score very slowly crept up to 54, when Smith ran himself out, after an useful, but not faultless 27. Shortly afterwards Dixon was caught at the wicket, and a similar fate befell H. Hancock after a short stay. Lumsden came in next, and a partnership commenced which was the feature of the day—and probably of many days to come in Interport cricket. The runs, however, for some time came very slowly. After an hour and a half's play the score was only 66 with four wickets down. At five-time Turner was 29 not out and Lumsden 21 not out. When play was resumed after the hour's interval, things became much livelier. Both batsmen were playing very sound cricket, Lumsden doing the major part of the scoring, while Turner every now and then put in some extremely pretty cuts. Various changes of bowling were tried, but with no effect. When the score was 150, and Turner had nearly completed his half century he gave an easy chance to Turnbull at point. After this he continued playing excellent cricket until the score was 275, when he returned the ball into the bowler's hand. His 83 was invaluable to our side, and went a long way towards exalting the bowling and the fielders. A few minutes later Lumsden fell to a catch at short slip. The aspect of affairs was now fairly rosy—282-6-138. During his innings Lumsden gave one high catch, which was misjudged by Monie. It was generally agreed that this 138 was one of the finest exhibitions of cricket ever seen at Shanghai. It was compiled by thoroughly sound all-round cricket, which called forth many tributes of praise from the spectators. Arthur followed him, but, after a few characteristic hits by means of which he compiled 14, resumed his seat in the pavilion. Ward played steadily for his 17. His career was cut short by an excellent ball from V. H. Lumsden. The rest of the day was uneventful, and stumps were drawn at 5 p.m. with the score 319 for 9 wickets, Pearce being not out 9, and Bird having yet to go in.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, 17th October.

CORRUPT EXAMINERS AGAIN.

This year, every year, the triennial literary provincial examination in Canton for the degree of *Ki-yeu* has been a failure—a fact which irritates and disappoints many students, as well as those gambling in the *Wai Sing* lottery. It is all on account of the latter that the failure has come about. Thereport goes as follows (and it is proved to be true, for there is going to be an official investigation):—Several persons whose names are Li, Kong, Lao, etc., formed a society and staked heavily on the *Wai Sing* lottery. By bribery they persuaded eight officials known as *nifangli*, whose duty it was to seal up the essays of the students, and employed several scholars in the Examination Hall to look over all the essays, after those that were likely to pass, and put up the names of those which the syndicate bought in their stead. In consequence the scholars whose names are well known and who were backed heavily in the *Wai Sing* lottery have been disappointed. This matter having come to the knowledge of the Viceroy, His Excellency has ordered the eight *nifangli* officials to be placed under arrest and the conduct of all those officials who have anything to do with the examination to be under strict investigation. This incident has caused great excitement in Canton and everybody is talking about it. The principal names suppressed are Pang, Cheong, Tong, Kam, Lui, etc. The late Magistrate Pin King-fuk of Nam Hoi has got off lightly. He has, through the intercession of somebody with the Viceroy, offered to pay a pretty heavy fine of Tls. 200,000 to the government, and is degraded to the position of a *veigrin*. As the Chinese say, "big fish eat small, small eat shrimps, and shrimps eat mud."

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory on the 17th inst.

issued the following report:—

The barometer has risen in N. China; fallen

around the Sea of Japan, over S. China and

Luzon.

The depression, lying over N. China yesterday,

is moving Eastwards and approaching the

neighbourhood of Vladivostok.

Pressure appears to be low, also, over the

Pacific to the E. of Luzon.

The monsoon will probably freshen again in

the Formosa Channel during the next 24 hours.

Moderate N.E. winds over the N. part of the

China Sea.

Forecast:—Light to moderate N.E. winds,

fair.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. V. SHERWOOD FORESTERS. It is not an exciting game which was witnessed on Saturday between a very moderate team of the H.K.C.C. and the Sherwood Foresters. The soldiers were completely outclassed, the Club winning by an innings (declared with 6 wickets down) and 68 runs. Little comment is called for. Lieut. Rimgington alone managed to average 10 for his two efforts, and all four Club bowlers who were tried met with success, especially Chichester in the second innings, who captured 6 wickets for 7 runs, including 3 for 0 in his last over. Chichester was also a batting success, as he made 67 out of the 101 scored for the first wicket. After Mackenzie's dismissal 170 went up before another wicket fell. Then a collapse occurred, which was stopped by the Club's declaration of its innings. The Sherwoods' second attempt was a procession the scores at the fall of the several wickets being:—0, 6, 13, 21, 27, 30, 40, 40, 40, 40.

Score and analysis:—

SHERWOOD FORESTERS.

First Innings. Second Innings.

Pto. Garratt, 15.5. b S. 16 b Chichester 0

Pto. Cope, 0.5. b S. 0 b Chichester 2

Pto. Mackenzie, 0.5. b S. 0 b Chichester 2

Pto. Westerman, 0.5. b S. 0 b Chichester 2

Pto. Smith, 0.5. b S. 0 b Chichester 2

Pto. Sedford, 0.5. b S. 0 b Chichester 2

Pto. Smith, 0.5. b S. 0 b Chichester 2

Pto. Rimgington, 0.5. b S. 0 b Chichester 2

Pto. Mackenzie, 0.5. b S. 0 b Chichester 2

Pto. Hodgson (capt.), 0.5. b S. 0 b Chichester 2

Pto. b S. Smith, 0.5. b S. 0 b Chichester 2

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HONGKONG JOTTINGS.

Congratulations are heartily offered to the Colonial Secretary on his appointment to administer the Government in the interval between the departure of Sir Henry Blake on the 21st November, and the arrival of Sir Mathew Nathan in March next. According to instructions issued in 1896 under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, the Senior Military Officer in command of the regular forces in the Colony should assume the administration of the Government when the office of Governor is vacant or the Governor is incapacitated or absent. These instructions, perhaps, did not contemplate the contingency of the General Commanding the Troops being absent from the Colony at the same time as the Governor. I, for one, agree with the writer of the article in the *Times*, which the *Daily Press* reprinted a few days ago, that on general principles the proper officer to administer the Government in the absence of the Governor is the Colonial Secretary, and may be hoped that the circumstances which have just arisen may lead the Colonial Office authorities to reconsider the standing instruction which they have now seen the necessity to depart from.

There have been rumours during the past week of an intention of the Government to revive the "night pass" system, among the Chinese of the Colony. It was in April, 1895, that a notification appeared in the *Government Gazette* ordering that every Chinese going out after dark must carry a light, and that from 8 p.m. until sunrise any Chinese found without a pass and light would be taken into custody, employers of servants sent out during these hours being obliged to furnish them with the necessary passes and lights. The peace of the Colony was gravely disturbed at the time, and it was felt that desperate remedies were required. Now it is a fact that Hongkong is swarming with Chinese bad characters at the present moment, but the night pass system is fraught with too many evils and too many hardships to the respectable Chinese residents to make its revival advisable. As a matter of fact, I know on the best authority that the Government has no intention of starting it again. It may have been discussed, among other remedial measures, but it will certainly not be adopted now. The decision is a wise one.

That the Peak is still as popular as ever as a place of residence is evidenced by the building operations still going on there. The new house built by Mr. Byer in the throat of Victoria Gap is now completed and occupied, and though the site—a mere shelf on the face of the rock above the Police Station—did not lend itself to architectural effect, the result is an eminently comfortable and convenient place of abode, open to all the breezes and commanding most extensive views. Another gentleman in the same profession (Mr. Dunlop) is building for himself a residence on the eastern slope of road leading to Mount Kellett. The site looked somewhat impossible, but the eye of an engineer sees possibilities where ordinary persons observe nothing but a declivity, and the new house will enjoy a capital position. The two new houses high up on Mount Kellett being built for the Taikeo hong are nearly completed externally. Another house is to be erected on the west side of Mount Kellett very shortly by the contractor for the new Hospital.

Those houses, however, do little more than serve to make up for the three bungalows being sacrificed to make room for the Granville Sharp Memorial Hospital, which is now gradually rising on Kallist Spur. "Osonora" has already disappeared, and the other two are doomed and now give shelter to workmen only. At present the main building of the hospital is beginning to show up; the foundations for the other wings are not yet laid; but work is actively progressing and by this time next year the building will probably be near to completion. Meantime the Jubilee Hospital on Barker Road is receiving the last finishing touches, and before His Excellency Sir Henry Blake leaves the Colony he will no doubt be asked to take it over on behalf of the Government.

The light railway which has been laid along the sea-front in Des Vaux Road, Kowloon, for the purpose of conveying material from the neighbourhood of Hung-hom to that portion of the reclamation works in progress in front of the houses known as Victoria View will, it is currently reported, form the subject of litigation in the Supreme Court at an early date. While the little "Puffing Billy" has been a source of wonder and delight to many of the small fry in Kowloon, there are not a few among the adult community—especially those dwelling in the residences abutting on the road—who view with indignation this desecration of what I suppose we may regard as the Rotten Row of Kowloon. In the cool of the evening it has been the wont of most of the Kowloon residents to take a stroll along the sea-front, and at small cost a fine esplanade could have been made which would have greatly increased the attractiveness of the residential area on the other side of the harbour. But it seems that every other consideration must give way to that of business. It does not appear to be generally known that the reclamation scheme extends beyond Blackhead's Pier, but I understand that it will proceed in a straight line down to the vicinity of the Dock. It is very probable, therefore, that the residences which have been built in recent years, and are still going up, with a charming view of the harbour, will look out instead in the course of a decade or so on an ugly terrace of godowns on the reclaimed land. This by the way, "Puffing Billy" for the present has ceased to puff. The gradient of the line is being eased,

from a point opposite 1 Yeomoon Villas to the crest of the incline, by the building of a little granite embankment, which rises opposite Gomes Villas to a height of about four feet. I understand that some of the tenants and owners of property abutting on the road regard this as an infringement of their rights or privileges, and the injunction threatened is stated to have reference to this aspect of the matter.

Are the Chinese misused? The question was suggested by the unearthly sounds which marked the recent celebration of their Moon Festival; and there was not one in a group of Europeans who debated the point lately that did not agree that on that occasion at least the methods adopted to produce sounds supposed to be musical were both horrible and barbarous. Dwellers in Kowloon have good reason to complain sometimes of the tem-tom-tom band sounds emanating from the Indian barracks in Macdonnell Road, but these faded into insignificant silence when compared to the Chinese noises made in honour of the mid-autumn moon. The Chinese really have some pretty little pastoral airs that one may hear occasionally as the morning market-boys winds his way to market, or as the funeral train pursues its journey to the burial grounds, but of grand music or light, happy music they seem to have no conception, and when it comes to their festival music they appear to relapse into barbaric expression akin to the South Sea Islanders.

I shall be doing a small service which I know many will appreciate if I direct the attention of the Military authorities to the need of a little improvement to the entrance of the Parade Ground at the Beaconsfield Arcade end. I am not sure that this is not an unauthorised entrance, but it is one nevertheless that is generally used by the public who attend increasing numbers every Monday afternoon to listen to the Band. What is needed is either that the ground should be properly sloped to the pathway, just at the point of entrance, or a stone step provided. Ladies especially would welcome this improvement.

BANYAN.

TERRORISM IN HONGKONG.

\$140,000 REWARD BY CHINESE GOVERNMENT. Since last June the Government of China has been quiescent in the matter of Reformers; but that it has not put these men entirely out of view has been instanced in Hongkong. Kang Yu-wei, it will be remembered, almost fell into the trap laid for him by the astute officials. In June a telegram was supposed to have been sent to Kang in exile at Darjiling, recalling him to service under his Government. The plot fell through, as the Reformer was turned back by Hongkong friends on reaching this port. Nothing having resulted from the show-up of Chinese methods of putting a closure on the reform movement, of which the Gage Street murder is a case in point, emissaries have now arrived from Canton with instructions to take the lives of three Chinese known to be keen supporters of Reform. It would not, of course, be politic to give the names of these wanted, but we may state that they are well-known locally, and are engaged in business here. Sums amounting to \$140,000 are to be paid as rewards, besides decorations—as in the case of one of the gang concerned in the murder of Yung Ku-wan, the schoolmaster. The police are keeping a keen look out, we believe, for an attempt on the lives of the Reformers and may be trusted to make things uncomfortable for suspicious characters.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

[VIA SHANGHAI.]

THE FAR EAST.

Berlin, 12th October. The Continental Press of Europe does not take notice of the many reports published continuously by the English papers, according to which war between Russia and Japan is imminent. The papers of the Continent show full confidence that the representatives of the two Powers will succeed in coming to an understanding, by which the interests of both will be safeguarded.—O. Lloyd.

THE BALKANS.

London, 12th October. The Turks have almost concluded their military operations. At Monastir a band of insurgents numbering 83, was annihilated on the 6th inst., after a desperate fight. The band was strongly posted on a precipitous ridge and fought heroically against the Turks, who dauntlessly stormed the ridge.—N.C.D.N.

Berlin, 12th October. Russia and Austria object to the appointment of a Christian Governor of Macedonia, which is demanded by Great Britain, as they expect therefrom only new difficulties. Meanwhile both Turkey and Bulgaria have commenced to demobilise their troops.—O. Lloyd.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS AND NEW EXEMPTION LAWS.

Berlin, 12th October. The Prussian Minister of the Interior, Baron Hammerstein, spoke at Erfurt against new exemption laws in regard to the Socialists, but declared the government would continue to bring about social reforms, as it has done before.—O. Lloyd.

FRANCE IN INDU-CHINA.

Paris, 12th October. The French Chambers are convened for the 20th October. The Temps in its comment upon the speech of M. Beau in the Conseil Supérieur said that Indo-China becomes more and more adapted for the expansion of French influence.—Havas.

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SATURDAY'S PROMENADE CONCERT.

The concert given in aid of the Hongkong Ladies' Benevolent Society on Saturday night, on the Volunteer Parade ground, (which had been kindly lent for the occasion) must be described as a great success, and judging from the very large audience present, no doubt the Society in whose aid the concert was given will benefit very considerably, through the kindly exertions of those who took part. The programme was well arranged, and the ready applause and many encores testified to the appreciation of the efforts of the performers by those present to hear them. Part I opened with the Overture to the *Bohemian Girl* excellently played by the orchestra of 34 performers under the very able conductorship of Mr. George Grimble, who was in close touch with his company throughout. One of the most pleasing items of the evening's entertainment was the performance of a violin solo by Miss Grotte Bunny, a dainty little maiden of some ten summers who, with remarkable taste and expression, gave Singalet's Fantasia on *Il Trovatore*, with a fineness and delicacy of touch which proclaimed her undoubted possession of the gift of music. She at once filled her way into the hearts of her audience, as when the storm of applause she deservedly received, and it is to be hoped we shall hear more from the bow of this charming little player in the near future.

Part II, by Mr. J. Ellinger was very well rendered as also was "The Mission of the Rose" by Captain Phillips, R.M.L.I. It was easily to be seen that Mr. H.A. Tozer is a favorite on the concert platform, for his appearance was the signal for continuous applause. His rollicking song, "Wouldn't you like to go?" and the encore were excellently given, and delighted his very appreciative audience, remarking that at the conclusion of his songs, a wag handed him up a bouquet! The first part closed with Brahms's Hungarian Dances, 1 and 2, in finished style by the full orchestra. After an interval of ten minutes, during which the majority of the audience rose and promenade about the grounds, the orchestra again showed their power, skill, and training in selections from the incidental music to *Henry VIII.* which was followed by a very fine rendering of "Oh! hear the wild winds blow" by Mr. C.H. Grace, who has a true baritone voice. Mrs. J. Whiteley Kew was very pleasing in "As the Breeze" and her encore song, "Violets," which were charmingly rendered. Another violin solo followed, excellently played by Mrs. Arthur Ough, her selections being "Berceuse" and "Capriccio." Mr. Ellinger again appeared and "Dedication," by Franz, in good style. "Let us pause" was the concluding solo by Mr. Tozer, who gave it in his usual jolly style. The playing of the waltz "Carlotta" by the orchestra was a grand performance and brought a very entertaining concert to a close, and sent the audience away delighted with their evening's amusement. Mr. Davidson and Mr. George Grimble must not be forgotten in dealing out the measure of praise due to all, for their very excellent work as accompanists.

The following is the full list of those who so ably played in the orchestra.

ORCHESTRA.

First Violins:—Mrs. Arthur Ough, Miss Drew, Miss Grotte Bunny, Mr. F.C. Barlow, Mr. C. Schröder, Mr. G. Sydney, Mr. A. Howard, Mr. Xavier, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Rozario. Second Violins: Miss W. Bateman, Mr. Dominick, Mr. Hall, Mr. Sheffield, Mr. Sibbet, Sgt. Jenkins, R.E. Mr. A. Beck, Mr. W.L. Pattenden, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Alves, Mr. Catbick, Mr. Remedios. Violas: Dr. Swan, Mr. Gonzales, Mr. Rozario, Junr. Violoncellos: Mr. Keenig, Mr. P.L. Miller. Double Bass: Mr. P.N. Sequeira. Flutes: Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Silas, Mr. Osmund. Oboe: Mr. W. A. Ferguson. Fagotto: Mr. A.S. Tuxford. Bass Clarinet: Mr. G.W. Assumpção. Clarinet: Mr. A.S. Tuxford, Mr. Gubley, Mr. Murray, Mr. Deck, Euphonium: Mr. Osmund. Cornet: Mr. Godwin, Mr. Gidley. French Horn: Mr. Spratt. Tenor Trombone: Supper Powell, R.E. Piano: Mrs. S.J. Powell, Mr. F.F. Bost. Conductor: Mr. George Grimble.

POLICE COURT.

Saturday, 17th October.

BEFORE MR. T. SPOONER SMITH (POLICE MAGISTRATE).

The Water Police are constantly on the outlook for overcrowding on cattle junks. On Saturday morning they boarded a junk, which had just arrived from San Wei, and discovered 78 head of cattle and 12 pigs packed in the confined space in such a manner as to cause suffering to the animals. Cheung Kan was ordered to pay a fine of \$25.

OPIMUM.

A keeper of an opium-dwan was unable to produce his licence when called on, which cost him \$50. He was asked to pay an additional sum to the same amount for selling prepared opium, contrary to the Ordinance.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIRE-ARMS. Chinese have the reputation of being abominable as fabricators, but the story submitted by a police explanatory of the possession of 50 lbs. of wire, fell far short of the best traditions. In consequence he was penalised \$50.

BEFORE MR. J. H. KEMP (ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE).

SEQUEL TO THE NAVAL EXTENSION CASE.—GRIFFITHS PLEADS GUILTY OF PERJURY. As a result of the rehearing of the case against a Chinese boatman for the theft of a coil of rope from the Naval Yard Extension, which we reported in our Saturday's issue,

John Griffiths, who was arrested on the conclusion of the proceedings on Friday afternoon, appeared before the Magistrate. The charge read that on the 12th inst., at the Police Court, he falsely, wickedly and corruptly did commit wilful and corrupt perjury in the testimony he gave upon oath as a witness at the trial of a certain case, Rex v. Leung Fat, contrary to Ordinance 49 of 1889.

After the charge had been read over, Griffiths was asked if he was guilty or not guilty; to which he replied, "Guilty, your Worship."

His Worship—You understand what you are doing?

The Defendant—Yes, sir.

His Worship—That you intended to wilfully and falsely swear.

The Defendant—I was under the influence of drink at the time, your Worship.

The case has remained until the 24th inst., at 10 a.m.

Defendant—May I have bail, sir?

His Worship—No.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY AT WEST POINT. Two ricksha-coolies recently arrived from Singapore, en route to Amoy, were strolling along the Fringe, at 12.30 p.m. on Friday, when they were set on by four or five coolies and robbed of their belts, which contained all their money. Luckily the affair was witnessed by a Chinese, who blew a whistle for assistance. Two of the gang were captured on the spot, the others later in the day in an opium-dwan. An adjournment of the case was made until to-day, at noon.

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Enoch George & Co. say in their weekly share list, dated Hongkong, 17th October:—

We cannot report any improvement in our market; there is practically nothing doing and most stocks are on offer. The starting exchange for demand on London has advanced to 1s. 10d. and the Shanghai rates are 1s. 17d. for a T/T, and 1s. 7d. for a three days' sight Private Paper.

BANKS.—Small sales of Hongkong and Shanghai took at \$322.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions are slightly easier with small buyers at \$424; China Traders are offering at 1s. 62; North China has sellers at 1s. 216 ex the final dividend of \$1, paid on the 11th inst. The report of this Company for the year 1902 was presented and passed at a meeting on the 13th inst., at Shanghai. We note from this report that after paying an interim dividend of 4 per cent. amounting to 45,283.92 on 1st May last, and after providing for all charges, losses and claims, commissions, directors and auditor's fees, there remains a sum of 1s. 148,357.25, which the directors proposed to deal with as follows: to pay a final dividend of 4 per cent. on paid-up capital, to give a bonus of 10 per cent. upon contributory premiums, to place to reserve fund 1s. 40,000, and to take from liability fund 1s. 100,000 to be transferred to account the sum of 1s. 100,000 to be transferred to the reserve fund, which transfers swell the latter to 1s. 500,000. The working account for 1903 shows a balance of 1s. 71,583.82. Cantonese have ceased off to \$123 sellers.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkong Fires are procurable at \$320 and China Fires have advanced to \$30 buyers.

SHIPPING SHARES.—There are small buyers of Cantons and Amoy at \$31; India are steady at \$82, the latest Shanghai quotation is 1s. 60 buyers, Douglass have advanced to \$30 buyers, and Shells sold and have probable further buyers at \$1.

TELEPHONES.—China Sugars have firmed up to \$87, at which rate shares could be placed. MARINE SHARES.—Jelebas have buyers at 52 cents, and Raubars are on offer at 84.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND BUILDINGS.—Whampoa Docks have been on offer during the week, the market closing at \$201 buyers. Furnham are in demand at the reduced rate of 1s. 15.

LANDS, HOTELS, AND BUILDINGS.—Land Investments can be placed at \$144. West Points have advanced to \$324 with no shares offering; Hongkong Hotels are easier at \$149 with public sellers at a lower rate, and Humphreys's Estates are on offer at \$11.

COTTON MILLS.—No change and no business reported.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Green Islands are easier and procurable at \$22; New Electrics are on offer at \$64; Steam Waterboats have advanced to \$15; United Asbestos have buyers at \$94 and China Providents have sellers at \$94 and Philippine Tobacco Trusts sold at \$15.

By Order, T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 16th October, 1903. [2805]

VICTORIA CHAPTER No. 525 E.C.

A REGULAR CONVOCATION of the VICTORIA CHAPTER will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL on WEDNESDAY, the 21st instant, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Visiting Companions are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 15th October, 1903. [288]

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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th October, 1903.

FROM HAMBURG, EMDEN AND
SINGAPORE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"ARTEMISIA."

Captain Gronmeyer, having arrived from the
above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send in their Bills of Lading for
countersignature by the Undersigned and to
take immediate delivery of their Goods from
alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before NOON,
To-day, the 14th inst.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be
landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited,
and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 19th October will be
subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 14th October, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE,
HONGKONG OFFICE.

Hongkong, 12th October, 1903.

FROM HAMBURG, BREMEN,
ROTTERDAM, ANTWERP
AND SINGAPORE.

THE N.D.L. Steamship

"MARBURG."

Captain Stern, having arrived from the
above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send in their Bills of Lading for
countersignature by the Undersigned and to
take immediate delivery of their Goods from
alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before NOON,
To-day, the 14th inst.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be
landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited,
and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 21st October will be
subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 21st October at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE,
HONGKONG OFFICE.

Hongkong, 14th October, 1903.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"PRIUSSEN."

OF THE NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods, with the exception
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being
landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence
delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before 11 A.M.,
To-day, 14th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 21st October, will be
subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on Wednesday, the 21st October, at
9.30 A.M.

All claims for damage must reach us before
the 26th October, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th October, 1903.

MOGUL LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "SIKH"

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND
ANTWERP.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Con-
signees of Cargo are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for counter-
signature and to take immediate delivery of
their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in
any case whatever.

DODWELL & CO., LD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th October, 1903.

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Hongkong, 5th October, 1903.

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THE BOMBAY FIRE AND MARINE
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THE undersigned, having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
prepared to accept RISKS at Current Rates.
H. J. JACOB & CO.
HONGKONG, 30th July, 1903.

THE STATE FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED, OF
LIVERPOOL.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above
Company are prepared to ACCEPT
RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.
W. G. HUMPHREYS & CO.
HONGKONG, 3rd August, 1903.

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TUNNEL & CO.,
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Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903.

**NORTH BRITISH AND MERCAN-
TILE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1902.
£16,378,771.

I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL... £3,000,000 0 0
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL... 2,750,000 0 0
PAID-UP CAPITAL...

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

For N.M.S. AND NEW YEAR PARCELS (via Gibraltar)—Parcels for the United Kingdom posted before 3 p.m. on Friday, the 6th November, are due in London about the 12th December, and those posted before 3 p.m. on Friday, the 20th November, are due in London about the 26th December. The following postage will be collected—
For a Parcel not exceeding 3 lbs. in weight—30 cents
11 lbs. 1.00
15 lbs. 1.50
With an additional 50 cents, parcels may be sent via Brindisi, and if posted before 3 p.m. on Friday, the 20th November, are due in London about the 20th December, and those posted before 3 p.m. on Friday, the 4th December, are due in London about the 31st January, 1904.
All parcels containing jewelry, or any article of gold or silver, must be insured, and all insured parcels must be sealed. The seals must bear the impression of a private mark.
Senders of parcels are requested to post them a few days in advance.
The parcels with the French Mail of the 18th inst., left Saigon on Friday, the 16th inst., at midnight, and may be expected here to-day. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 10th August.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

TO	DATE
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Monday, 19th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Monday, 19th, 1.15 P.M.
Yokohama and Kobe	Monday, 19th, 3.00 P.M.
Kanagawa and Sagami	Monday, 19th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Monday, 19th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Monday, 19th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Monday, 19th, 5.00 P.M.
Nantao	Monday, 19th, 5.00 P.M.
Sanbu	Monday, 19th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Monday, 19th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Monday, 19th, 5.00 P.M.
Manila	Monday, 19th, 5.00 P.M.
Rangoon	Monday, 19th, 5.00 P.M.
Europe, &c. India via Tatum	Monday, 19th, 5.00 P.M.
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra)	
Postage 10 cents	
(Letters posted in the Peak Pillar Box)	
in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)	
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU AND SAN FRANCISCO	
Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail.	
Extra Postage 10 cents	
Macao	Tuesday, 20th, 1.15 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Tuesday, 20th, 1.15 P.M.
Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Seattle, U.S.A.	Tuesday, 20th, 1.15 P.M.
Ningpo and Shanghai	Tuesday, 20th, 1.15 P.M.
Canton	Tuesday, 20th, 1.15 P.M.
Nantao	Tuesday, 20th, 1.15 P.M.
Sanbu	Tuesday, 20th, 1.15 P.M.
Macao	Tuesday, 20th, 1.15 P.M.

TO-MORROW.
Sale, Licensed Property, Sales Rooms, Mr. Geo. P. Lamont, 3 p.m.
Regular Meeting of the Eastern Market Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, 5 to 5.30 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

ON LONDON.—		17th October.
Telegraphic Transfer	.....	1.10 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	.....	1.10 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	.....	1.10 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	.....	1.10 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight	.....	1.10 1/2
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	.....	1.11
ON PARIS.—		
Bank Bills, on demand	.....	2.50
Credits, at 4 months' sight	.....	2.50
ON GERMANY.—		
On demand	.....	1.91 1/2
ON NEW YORK.—		
Bank Bills, on demand	.....	45 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight	.....	46 1/2
ON BOMBAY.—		
Telegraphic Transfer	.....	1.10
Bank, on demand	.....	1.10 1/2
ON CALCUTTA.—		
Telegraphic Transfer	.....	1.10
Bank, on demand	.....	1.10 1/2
ON SHANGHAI.—		
Bank, at sight	.....	71 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight	.....	72 1/2
YOKOHAMA.—On demand	.....	90 1/2
ON MANILA.—On demand	.....	Nominal.
ON SINGAPORE.—On demand	.....	Nominal.
ON BATAVIA.—On demand	.....	1.12 1/2
ON HAI PHONG.—On demand	.....	1.12 1/2 p. m.
ON SAIGON.—On demand	.....	1.12 p. m.
ON BANGKOK.—On demand	.....	61
..... Banks, Bank's Buying Rate	.....	104.75
THE L. LEAF, 100-lbs. per taol	.....	557.10
PER SILVER, per oz.	.....	28 1/2